



**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

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Art Unit	1626
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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other _____

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Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. ☒ Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

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AMENDMENT D

Mail Stop Petition
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the May 31, 2004 Notice Regarding Drawings in the above-referenced allowed patent application. Applicants submit this Amendment D together with a request for continued examination and a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the application from issue.

Clean version of amendments to the specification begins on page 2.

Claims begin on page 8.

Remarks begin on page 14.

Appendix A (showing a marked-up version of the amendments to specification) begins on page 16.